

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 166

By Crutchfield

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Roy Davis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Roy Davis; and

WHEREAS, Roy Davis was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in 1919, Mr. Davis attended East Chattanooga Grammar School, Meadow View School, and was a valedictorian graduate of Birchwood High School, Mr. Davis went on to serve his country as a Sergeant Major in the United States Army in Europe during World War II, with the 280<sup>th</sup> Station Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was a true Renaissance man; he worked for Davenport Hosiery Mill until it closed and owned Trading Post Grocery and Roy's Restaurant on Highway 58; and

WHEREAS, he built a barber shop, a beauty shop, and a dental office, leasing and operating them until 1975, and he also owned and operated five radio stations, including WSIM-FM 94.3 in Red Bank and WEDG-AM in Soddy-Daisy, which was donated to Lee University; and

WHEREAS, Roy Davis worked for the Hamilton County Sheriff Department and in Hamilton County government as Director of Special Assignments and as Assistant County Manager; he also worked for the State of Tennessee in the Sales Tax Department and he retired as Deputy Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS, in spite of his numerous vocational pursuits, Mr. Davis always found time to contribute to his community; he was an active member of the Mountain City Lodge, the Scottish Rite, the Alhambra Shrine, the Tin Lizzies, and the Democratic Party in both Hamilton County and Haywood County, as well as a founding member and director of Community Trust & Banking Co.; and

WHEREAS, Roy Davis was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Roberta, and was the proud father of Carole Klimesch and Robert T. Davis; he is further survived by four grandchildren, Vikki Shumake, Jay Clark, Emilee Wooten, and Taylor Davis; four great-grandchildren, Jacob, Zach, and Rebecca Hamby and Skyler Craver; his sister, Florene Tinker; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was preceded in death by his sister, Irene Ramsey Garrett; and

WHEREAS, Roy Davis leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Roy Davis, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Davis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.